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Honorable John F. Keenan
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1930
New York, New York 10007

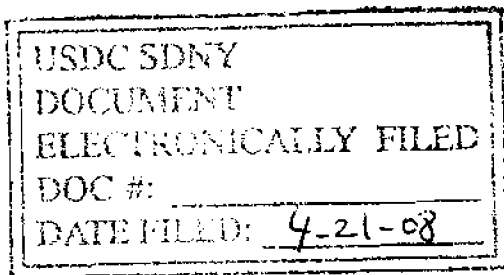
**Re: United States v. Maria Altagracia
07 Cr. 1205 (JKF)**

Dear Judge Keenan:

MEMO ENDORSED

I write on behalf of my client, Maria Altagracia Rojas, to respectfully request a three-week adjournment of the upcoming conference in her case. The conference is currently scheduled for April 21, 2008 at 10 A.M. I am requesting the adjournment, because the parties need additional time to conduct plea negotiations in Ms. Rojas's case. I have conferred with Assistant United States Attorney John Zach, who consents to this request for an adjournment. There have been no previous requests for an adjournment of this conference.

The parties request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next conference. The defense's need for additional time to continue negotiations with the Government serves the interests of justice and outweighs the needs of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial.



Respectfully submitted,

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cc: John Zach, Esq.
Assistant United States Attorney (by hand)

Maria Altagracia
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The conference is adjourned to May 12, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. The time is excluded.

• SO ORDERED.
Dated: New York, New York
April 21, 2008

John F. Keenan
U.S.D.J.